

REMARKS

This Amendment responds to the Office Action mailed September 7, 2005 in the above-identified application. Based on the foregoing amendment, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-36 were previously pending in the application. By this Amendment, allowable claims 2, 4 and 7 are rewritten in independent form. Claims 1, 3, 6, 8-21 and 25-36 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Accordingly, claims 2, 4, 5, 7 and 22-24 are currently pending in the application, with claims 2, 4, 7 and 22 being independent claims. No new matter has been added.

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 3, 6, 8-13, 15 and 19-21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by Urquhart et al. (US 2004/0156339). Claims 14, 16-18 and 25-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as unpatentable over Urquhart et al. in view of Benveniste (US 2003/0174690). Claims 2, 4, 5 and 7 are indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 22-24 are allowed.

In response, allowable claims 2, 4 and 7 have been rewritten in independent form, and rejected claims 1, 3, 6, 8-21 and 25-36 are canceled. Applicants do not concur in the rejections and expressly reserve the right to file the rejected claims in a continuation application. Accordingly, claims 2, 4, 5, 7 and 22-24 remain in the application. Since the remaining claims are allowable, the application is in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the telephone number listed below if this communication does not place the case in condition for allowance.

If this response is not considered timely filed and if a request for an extension of time is otherwise absent, Applicant hereby requests any necessary extension of time. If there is a fee occasioned by this response, including an extension fee, that is not covered by an enclosed check, please charge any deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

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Respectfully submitted,

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